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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL
DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS**

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation
861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building
Second Floor Conference Room A
Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED: 04/22/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Northey, Ph.D., LMFT, Presiding
Ruth Banta, Public Member
Irvin Bowers, Public Member
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
James Elder, LCDP
Dr. Rosemary Madl-Young, Ph.D., LCDP
Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed.D., LPCMH

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daniel Cherneski, LMFT, **President**
Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH, **Vice President**
Dr. Tracey Frazier, Psy.D., LCDP, **Secretary**
Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Jennifer August
Chantel Bratcher
Nicole Luther

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Northey called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

The Board unanimously consented to having Dr. Northey chair the meeting, as the officers' were not in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MHCDP Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2015

The Board reviewed the January 28, 2015 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conduct Deliberations from Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to Board's Rules and Regulations

The Board held their deliberations from the January 25, 2015 public hearing regarding amendments to the Board's rules and regulations. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to accept the proposed amendments as previously published. Motion unanimously carried. An Order was circulated for Board members' signatures.

Update from Legislative Committee

Dr. Northey advised the Board that two separate versions of the bill have been drafted, one addresses practice protection, and the other does not address practice protection but addresses the other concerns such as the removal of the certification requirement, and eliminating the requirements to get re-fingerprinted every ten years.

It was reported that there is an issue with the practice protection draft, as there are concerns that the proposal will negatively impact those who are currently practicing. Dr. Northey reported that the Legislative Committee came to a split decision regarding the drafts.

Mr. Elder provided a brief synopsis of the establishment of behavioral health consultants within the school districts. He also reported that it is the common practice for CADC's to include the family in the treatment of addictions. Mr. Elder reported that there are approximately 16 overdoses a month in Delaware, due to the current opioid epidemic. He suggested that if the exemptions are broader, than it may be easier to ease such concerns.

The Board made slight revisions to the proposal. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Bowers, to accept the revisions to the practice protection proposal, and to forward it to the Division of Professional Regulation for legislative consideration. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Northey reported that at the February 25, 2015 Legislative Committee meeting, art therapists requested support regarding the creation of art therapy licensure within Delaware. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to support art therapist licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request to Withdrawal Application from Tariqah Johnson

The Board reviewed Tariqah Johnson's request to withdrawal her application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Madl-Young moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to grant Ms. Johnson's request. Motion unanimously carried.

Sign Certificate of Appreciation for Lisa Ritchie

A certificate of appreciation for Lisa Ritchie was circulated for Board members' signatures.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for LACMH Licensure

The Board reviewed Lauren Reid's application for LACMH licensure. Mr. Bowers moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to table the application for additional clarification as to why Ms. Reid is proposing a LCSW for a supervisor, as opposed to a LPCMH. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed Chantel Bratcher's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Stephanie Sammarco's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Sheila McKinney's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Mullen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed Mary-Jane Snair's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Jennifer Soethe's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Elder, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Pre-Approval of Continuing Educational Activities for Helen McCool Pursuant to Final Order

The Board reviewed the request for the pre-approval for the continuing education activities titled "The Nuts and Bolts of Legal & Ethical Practice" and "Risk Assessment & Treatment Planning", submitted by Helen McCool. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Mr. Bowers, to approve the requests. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request of Extension of Continuing Education Requirements

The Board reviewed the request for an extension to obtain the required continuing education credits, submitted by Carolyn Gover. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to grant the request for an extension, which will expire on April 22, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Recommendations from Chief Hearing Officer from Rule to Show Cause Hearings

The Board reviewed and considered the Chief Hearing Officer's recommendations from the rule to show cause hearing for Joan Hoffman. Ms. Hoffman submitted exceptions, which the Board considered as well. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to accept the conclusions of law, findings of fact, and recommended discipline. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Chief Hearing Officer's recommendations from the rule to show cause hearing for Nicole White. Dr. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Bowers, to accept the conclusions of law, findings of fact, and recommended discipline. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Change in LACMH Supervision Plan for Rachel Eaton

The Board reviewed the notification from Rachel Eaton, regarding a change in her current supervisory plan. Ms. Eaton requested to have Thomas VanDruden, LPCMH, provide additional supervision, in addition to the

supervision she is receiving from Valerie Marek. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the change in the supervision plan. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activity from James M. Walsh Pastoral Counseling, P.A.

Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Bowers, to approve the following CE activity for James M. Walsh Pastoral Counseling, P.A. as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Mindfulness and the Helping Relationship: Clinical Applications (20.0 hours)

Public Comment

Ms. August and Ms. Luther thanked the Legislative Committee and the Board for their support for art therapy licensure, as they are moving forward.

Ms. Bratcher thanked the Board for reviewing and approving her application.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the Art Therapy Credentials Board regarding the credentialing standards. No additional action was taken.

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the NBCC regarding the state licensure meeting and the NBCC foundation symposium. No additional action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of Post-Renewal Continuing Education Audits

Dr. Madl-Young moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to review the continuing education audits after adjournment. Motion unanimously carried.

Election of Officers

Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to nominate Dr. Drevno as President, Mr. Bowers as Vice President, and Mr. Elder as Secretary. Motion unanimously carried.

Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

Next Meeting Date

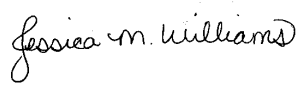
The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2015, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Mr. Bowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica M. Williams". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II